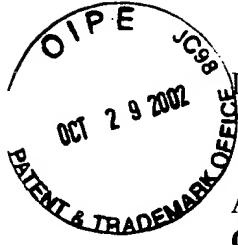


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued October 2, 2002, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-7, 10 and 11), without traverse. Early and favorable consideration of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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